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Reply To
Attn Of: HW-113

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Support for the Yakima Pesticide Lab Closure
and Construction Complete

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I appreciate the support you and your staff gave Lynda Priddy and myself regarding the CERCLA deletion of the RCRA site, Yakima Pesticide Lab, from the NPL. As you know, successful completion of this deletion process in particular the Record of Decision is quite important to the Superfund program. The project has been very challenging because of the very tight schedule we were working under, complicated by the fact that we were planning to delete a site listed on the NPL that was cleaned up pursuant to RCRA. To my knowledge a deletion process for sites handled under other authorities has not been developed, or, for that matter accomplished previously.

To make our major milestones, we needed to move very quickly and resolve many issues not previously addressed. Tod Gold, Paul Sonnenfeld, Bruce Woods and Dan Phalen played major roles in keeping the process moving and seeking to resolve difficulties as they arose. Their diligence has resulted in Superfund meeting a very important milestone - publication for comment of the Proposed Plan by the third week of August. We met that milestone and we expect that we will also make the crucial milestone - publication of the Record of Decision by September 30th. Thanks again.

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